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Viewing cable 09TRIPOLI59, SWISS AMBASSADOR: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA IS DEAD

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09TRIPOLI59	2009-01-27 14:15	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Tripoli

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/libya-wikileaks/>

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SUBJECT: SWISS AMBASSADOR: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA IS DEAD

REF: A) 08 TRIPOLI 994, B) 08 TRIPOLI 592, C) 08 TRIPOLI 926, D) 08 TRIPOLI 851 TRIPOLI 00000059 001.2 OF 003

CLASSIFIED BY: John T. Godfrey, PolEcon Chief. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) Summary: Despite concluding a bilateral investigation into the events surrounding last July's arrest in Geneva of Hannibal al-Qadhafi, NO AGREEMENT ON FACTS OF THE CASE
2. (C) Swiss Ambassador Daniel von Muralt (strictly protect) told the Ambassador on January 26 that a January 21-22 visit by a senior Swiss c
3. (C) Insisting that the Libyans continued to misrepresent the basic facts of the case, von Muralt presented the Ambassador with a three-page WITH NO SENSE OF IRONY, LIBYA TAKES SWITZERLAND TO TASK ON RULE OF LAW
4. (C) Libya now seems intent on slowing reconciliation on legal grounds. Bemused, but insulted that the GOL would doubt the TRIPOLI 0000005 SWISS GIVE A YARD, LIBYA DEMANDS A MILE
5. (S/NF) Acknowledging that the Swiss diplomatic response and misperception of the Libyan playbook had exacerbated the situation, von Muralt PROGNOSIS: RELATIONSHIP "DEAD" OR ON LIFE SUPPORT?
6. (C) Von Muralt was not hopeful that the two sides could find a way forward, calling the diplomatic relationship "dead" and saying it was ne
7. (C) With respect to the deadline for Swiss companies to cease operations in Libya and liquidate their assets fast approaching (it nominally WITH LITTLE LEVERAGE, SAIF MAY BE LAST HOPE
8. (C) After six months of meeting Libya's demands, Switzerland has little leverage left with which to negotiate. According to von Muralt, Sw
9. (C) Comment: Swiss diplomats here see the negative trajectory since last July as a product of Hannibal's misrepresentation of what actually CRETZ